MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with <u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> Sections 84-1408 through 84-14145, Notice is hereby given that the Department of Natural Resources Negotiated Rulemaking Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at the Sandhills Convention Center (at the Quality Inn and Suites), 2102 South Jeffers, North Platte, NE 69101. Notice is also hereby given that members of the Water Policy Task Force are also invited to attend the meeting at their discretion. If more than 25 members of the Water Policy Task Force attend, this meeting also will be considered to be a Water Policy Task Force meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The purpose of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is to develop a report and/or proposed rule relating to the types of scientific data and other information that will be considered and the criteria that will be used for making preliminary determinations of: (1) whether a river basin, subbasin, or reach is fully appropriated without the initiation of additional uses, and (2) the geographic area within which the Department considers surface water and ground water to be hydrologically connected for the purposes of any such determination, pursuant to the evaluations and reports that the Department must complete by January 1, of each year beginning in 2006, required by section 46-713 N.R.S. 1943, as amended.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: 1. Department presentation relating to Negotiated Rulemaking Committee process. 2. Discuss Draft Report. 2. Discuss proposed Rule.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the Administrative Officer at the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4676, (402) 471-2362 by Friday, June 24, 2005.